

ELECTRONIC CASE FILING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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You must have the following hardware and software installed *and working* prior to training:

- (1) A personal computer running a standard platform, such as Windows or Macintosh.
- (2) Internet access via modem (**the faster, the better**), DSL, or cable.
- (3) Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. (Note: The current version of CMECF has been tested with Netscape Communicator version 4.79 and Internet Explorer version 5.5. Upcoming releases (beginning with version 3) will be tested with Netscape Browser 7.x and Internet Explorer 6.x. Netscape products are available as free downloads at www.netscape.com. (AOL's version of Netscape is **not** compatible with the current version of CM/ECF.)
- (4) Adobe Acrobat (the current version is 7.0 Standard and the current list price is \$299.00), which converts documents from word processing or other software to portable document format (PDF), the required format for electronic filing.
- (5) Adobe Acrobat Reader, which will enable you to view, print, and download documents from the Court's electronic case files. The Adobe Acrobat Reader comes bundled with Adobe Acrobat.
- (6) Optionally, a scanner, to convert documents that you do not create yourself (e.g., exhibits) to images that can be filed electronically.

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